



City of Concord

Weekly City Manager Newsletter

September 5, 2014

MAIN STREET PROJECT UPDATE

Preparation for underground utility work, which was expected to begin on North Main Street next week, has been delayed until the week of September 15th. This will include placement of construction signage and staging of construction equipment. Utility construction will begin the week of September 22nd. Two-way traffic on North Main Street will be maintained and any traffic delays during utility construction should be minimal. Pedestrian travel on sidewalks will be largely unaffected.

The major streetscape reconstruction on North Main Street will begin in the spring of 2015 and continue until Veterans Day 2015. The South Main Street portion of the project will be constructed in 2016.

ROUTE 3 CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS - PENACOOK VILLAGE

The top course of pavement at the three City parking lots was completed this past week and the installation of the granite and brick pavers around the monument began. Motorists should use caution, as the covers for the manholes and catch basins in the project area have been raised in preparation for final paving in the coming weeks. Drainage work between Meter Street and Coral Street will continue next week, as well as the reconfiguration and re-grading of the intersection at Meter/Lilac/Village Streets. One lane of traffic will continue to be maintained through the work zone.



FREE BACKPACKS FOR KINDERGARTNERS

The Concord Public Library is offering a free backpack to any Concord or Penacook kindergartner who registers for a library card. The backpacks include a book, a coloring book and crayons. In order to be eligible for a library card, the kindergartner must live in Concord or Penacook and be accompanied by a parent or guardian who provides a photo ID and something that shows the family's current address. If your kindergartner already has a library card, just let the Library staff know that when you come in, and he/she can get a backpack too! Backpacks will be available at the Main Library or at the Penacook Branch Library, while supplies last. This program is sponsored by the Concord Public Library Foundation.



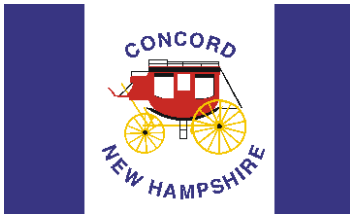
ENROLL IN E-Z PAY BE ENTERED TO WIN A SHOWERHEAD



[Concord General Services](#) is celebrating the US Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA)'s WaterSense Program's October "**Shower Better Month**" by encouraging residents to replace their old showerheads with WaterSense labeled models to save energy, water and, potentially, save money on their utility bill. WaterSense labeled products earn their label through independent certification to meet the USEPA's criteria for water efficiency, force and flow.

Concord General Services is offering a chance for five people to win a high performance WaterSense labeled showerhead if they sign up for E-Z Pay with the Utility Billing office before October 20, 2014. E-Z Pay automatically pays your water bill from your bank account, after sending you a bill summary with the amount and date the draft will occur. All new and existing residents enrolled in E-Z Pay will be entered to win.

Sign up for E-Z Pay at the Utility Billing office at 311 North State Street, or print our [online form](#) and return it in person or by mail. Check out the showerhead prize display at the Utility Billing office to see what you could win! See [official rules](#) for more information.



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CONCORD HUMAN SERVICES RECEIVES BACKPACK DONATIONS

The VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post 1631 has once again generously donated backpacks to the Concord Human Services Department. Their donation is greatly appreciated by the families that need help with backpacks and school supplies, which are essential purchases but quite costly. Concord Human Services is very grateful that, for many years, the members of Post 1631 reach out to help the children in the families that we serve.

FIRE CREWS COMPLETE RAILWAY EMERGENCY TRAINING



The New England Southern Railroad recently presented a class to Fire Department staff on equipment familiarization and emergency response to railway incidents. The training was done in conjunction with the New England Southern Railroad Police and the U.S. Department of Transportation.



TREE CREW RECEIVES RECOGNITION FOR SAFETY

The General Services Department's Tree Crew has been identified by Primex as a prime example of safety in the workplace. The Tree Crew recently assessed and determined a safety concern at the intersection of Haig Street and Donovan Street, and decided to close the intersection in order to remove two rotted pine trees. The road closure was necessary to facilitate a safe operation, considering the sizeable amount of traffic, the high tension lines, and the heavily populated residential area. Safety was their first priority. Tree Crew Supervisor Ryan Rambeau acted as a Safety Officer and Spotter to restrict access to unauthorized personnel, while crew member Scott Davis property positioned vehicles for boom clearance and executed expert saw techniques to quickly and efficiently remove the dead trees. These safe tree cutting operations are greatly recognized.

